



## INTRODUCING ... DR MICHAEL OEHLEY

### Author and Emergency Doctor

*working in remote areas of Australia  
living in the world of Ōshēanūs*

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Dr Michael Oehley is an emergency doctor, traveller and writer currently working in remote Australian hospitals. Growing up in South Africa, he would spend many hours outside, dreaming of another world. At the age of seven, in his tree-house, Michael invented a heroic character called Sūperia who fought great battles on a planet called Ōshēanūs. In the coming years, Michael drew maps of Ōshēanūs and started inventing the history and language of the planet.

Michael has been writing stories since he was five, and did not stop when his family moved to NZ when he was ten. He wrote his first novel at fifteen and when he was nineteen, at the end of his first year at medical school, Michael came up with the idea for *The 4 Powers of Daren Sāner* series. Over the next five years at medical school, Michael crammed writing into the tiny amount of free time that he had when he wasn't studying. He wrote thirteen different drafts of *The 4 Powers of Daren Sāner* over a six-year period. Trips to Southern Africa and the Caribbean in 2006/07 helped him to invent the scenery of Ōshēanūs.

It was during Michael's first year as a junior doctor at Waikato Hospital that he wrote the final version the *The 4 Powers of Daren Sāner* in what little free time he had when not working at the hospital. *The 4 Powers of Daren Sāner* was shortlisted for the 2009 Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award which resulted in an offer to publish by Scholastic NZ. This is a dream come true for Michael, who has wanted to be a published author from the moment he learned how to write in 1988 at age five.

Further facts:

New Zealand Secondary Schools Debating Champion 2001

New Zealand Bursary and Scholarship Examinations Top Scholar 2001

Most Distinguished Graduate in Medicine, the University of Auckland 2007